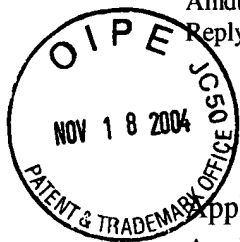


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
MAILED 5/18/04**

Dear Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed May 18, 2004. Accordingly, a Response was due on August 18, 2004 without extension. A petition for extension of time is enclosed. Thus, this Response is timely filed within the sixth month of reply with extension. Applicants request reconsideration of the above application in view of the following amendments and remarks. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.